



Application Serial No. 09/581,709

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Joseph Wayne Forler  
Serial No. : 09/581,709  
Filed : October 10, 2000  
For : Program Signal Blocking System  
Examiner : Annan Q. Shang  
Art Unit : 2617  
Customer Number: 24498

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated November 16, 2005, for which a response was due on February 16, 2006. The following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the attached RCE, this response is considered timely.

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